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SUBJECT: DISASTER EMERGENCY RELIEF; REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION
TO USE CONTINGENCY FUND

1. AS REPORTED IN LA PAZ 8166, US-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT
CRASHED IN SANTA CRUZ OCTOBER 13 CAUSING CONSIDERABLE
LOSS OF LIFE TO BOLIVIANS ON THE GROUND AND PROBABLY
CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO POPULATED AREAS AT SCENE OF DISASTER.
WHILE FULL DETAILS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, IT IS CLEAR FROM
INFORMATION PRESENTLY ON HAND THAT THIS IS A DISASTER OF
THE MAGNITUDE WHICH WILL REQUIRE OUTSIDE HELP AND THAT
IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE US TO OFFER EMERGENCY DISASTER
ASSISTANCE. I VISUALIZE THAT WITHIN A BRIEF PERIOD WE
MAY BE ASKED TO ASSIST WITH BURN VICTIMS. THERE MAY BE
OTHER REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SHELTER AND SOME PARTIAL
ASSISTANCE WITH DAMAGED BUILDINGS. ACCORDINGLY, I REQUEST
AUTHORITY ON A STAND-BY BASIS TO COMMIT UP TO \$25,000 IN
NEW OBLIGATIONS FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE
THAT THERE MAY BE A REQUEST FROM THE BOLIVIANS FOR US
MILITARY MEDICAL TEAM SPECIALIZED IN BURN PATIENTS TO
TRAVEL TO SANTA CRUZ. WE WILL REQUEST THAT LATER WHEN
INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED BUT WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING
ON HAND WASHINGTON APPROVAL TO MOVE ON FUNDING OF DISASTER
ASSISTANCE.

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